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Dear Paul,

No offense but I'd not be writing if I were not edgy, partly probably from a little euphoria and partly from these damned manifestations of the phlebitis I can' explain and the doct refuses to. I see him Wednesday and I'm going to make more of an issue than I have in letters he doesn't like. Had severalx very uncomfortable - not painful - days last wee. When some good ones came along I got much work done. Perhaps that in part is what I began to feel this evening. Another perhaps: uneasiness until my wife got home. Bad patches of ice in road and very low wind-chill factor. About -40 daybreak and unless wind lays, colder tomorrow, as the mean temperature is goint to be.

My wife has decided that I'm going to try to relax with Archie and Maude soon, when I'll have packages to make up. However, there is no rush on this. It is really an update that I'll mail when I mail something else.

Despite the great pressures, like Time and the Times (NY), the King case is moving forward. (Calendar call on the suit day after tomorrow. Can be mere formality.) I've made a relationship with Newsday, of Long Island and with a syndicate, that is working. And with a first-rate reporter, if the stories are not syndicated out there. First and analysis that turned out to be correct if seemingly farout (nobody else thought of it, including the Congressional committee, one of which was used. Then getting initial proof, enough so the reporter could get an okay to go ahead after he saw it. Then he did superbly, beginning with an open mind. I suggested that in the time he have he see five people. One I'd arranged for. The others I was sure he could turn on in varying degrees. He did. We now know that the FBI had penetrated the black militants who caused the violence in Memphis, that one of their guys provoked the violence, and that without this violence King would not have returned. One of the finks is now a black FBI agent. There were others on whom we do not yet have proof. Does it make a difference?

I'm not letting it be known generally but I'm working on this new King book, as you know. Since I wrote you I've done about 10,000 words - typing, too, but stopping and starting. I edited it sitting, on a clipboard. Don't recommend it! but it was better to do it that way.

It is shaping up more and more into a book on the FBI. Not exclusively, Largely. And with dynamite. I don't think their lack of popularity with the control people out there would make it that attractive, but I reppрt it.

I've found a local college student who, while she knows nothing about these subjects, is willing to work parts of Tuesdays, her light day. Tomorrow first. I'll see how she types with this new copy.

The governments response in the appeal on the spectro case is as close to totally dishonest as I've even seen. They are going for broke on the kind of panel we get. However, I spotted a confession not so intended but literally that with which I may have done some more turning on by phone. It is that the FBI did not do a proper, their word, JFK investigation. They are desparate. Otherwise they'd never have run the risks in this. They are counting heavily on prejudice against me and the subject. It is going to be go-for-broke. They've tried to make me the issue. If we get an honest panel they are in trouble for the record is very good my way. Court record.

Meanwhile, if you think in terms of scalps, I've forced the retirement, in their 50s and on the very same day, of the only two FBI agents still working there and with personal knowledge! This means I've forced them all out. The government argues that neither they nor we can use them in discovery. But the major point is, as I told you long ago, this is shaping up as the now one. A member of the black caucus phoned today to ask me to see him first time I'm in Washington. And tomorrow oral arguments in the Ray appeal. Again apologies for the typos. Other work calls. Best,